

# **Recycling Public Advisory Council**

## **Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 23, 2014**

Location: DSWA's Environmental Education Building, 1101 Lambsons Ln., New Castle

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)  
Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)  
Marianne Cinaglia (DeEASI)  
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)  
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)  
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)  
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)  
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council) via conference call  
Brian Nixon (DE Chamber of Commerce)  
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)  
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)  
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)  
Adam Webster (Restaurant Industry)

Members absent: George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)  
Brenna Goggin (Delaware Nature Society)  
Bob Ziegler (Waste Hauler Industry)

Non-members present:	Jim Short (DNREC)	Bill Miller (DNREC)
	Kim Foster (DNREC)	Nancy Marker (DNREC)
	John Laznik (UD-CADSR)	Rob Clemens (Goodwill)
	Denise Denny (DSWA)	Sarah Culler (DSWA)
	Hetty Franke (UD Coop. Ext.)	Kelly Williams (Wilmington)
	Jason Leary (Wilmington)	Kim Furtado (Replenish)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**Public Comments - None**

### **Approval of Minutes May 21, 2014 Meeting**

The May minutes were unanimously approved as written.

### **Yard Waste Funding/Site Updates**

Bill M. announced that the RPAC's yard waste letter, as discussed last meeting, was sent to the Joint Finance Committee. He also said that the new Holland Mulch yard waste drop-off site on Rt. 72 is just awaiting paving, but is expected to be complete before the end of June. Marj added that the General Assembly has allocated another \$150,000 to DNREC for FY15 for the continued operation of the Polly Drummond Hill Road yard waste drop-off site.

### **RPAC Membership Vacancies**

Following up from the discussion at the last meeting; BJ talked with the Governor's Office. He is not sure about legislation to change the current language regarding RPAC membership terms. But he was informed that if a Council Member was not removed and remains in action, that person can remain a viable Member. BJ will keep working to see if there is a legislative option before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Grant Cycle Planning**

Jim S. announced the draft Guidance Document for the next cycle of the grants and loans program. A hard copy of the draft was provided to each Member. Jim S. and Bill M. confirmed the comments and suggestions of the subcommittee were reflected in this draft. There was some discussion over the timing especially related to interest and participation from schools. There was consensus to move forward with the current timing, while adding language to note another application opportunity for schools in the fall. The Council unanimously approved a motion to support the Guidance Document with the items discussed. DNREC will send the revised version to Council Members prior to announcing the opening of the application period.

**Scheduling Future Meetings**

BJ prompted Members to schedule the next meeting: September. After some discussion the Council resolved to have the next few meeting dates be: September 24, 2014; October 29, 2014; and December 3, 2014. All meeting times will be 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The locations are to be determined, but likely in Sussex County, Kent County, and New Castle County respectively.

**Recycling Market Update**

Paul said paper markets are largely the same except for OCC (cardboard) which is down \$5/ton to \$105/ton. The regional mill price is \$160/ton for Sorted Office Paper and \$245/ton for Sorted White Ledger. Mike P. said single-stream is also low and unchanged.

**Old/New Business**

Marj said the Legislature is probably going to extend the sunset date in the plastic bag bill via House Bill 198. The current law sunsets on December 2, 2014.

BJ announced that he, Jim, and Bill met with the City of Wilmington to address the City's grant and loan application and so far it is going well.

Mike P. discussed the Education Building, describing the exhibition portion, where the meeting was being held, and the classroom on the other side of the building. The DSWA has hosted about 500 youth this year. He also announced that the DSWA is holding a pilot latex paint collection event at the Cheswold Collection Station on September 13, 2014. They are partnering with a recycler from New Jersey that makes several color lines of recycled paints. If the event goes well, the DSWA may expand that program.

**Additional Public Comments - None****Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 at 1:30 at a location to be determined (likely Sussex Co.)

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:26 p.m.